control and new projects are also under formulation which are intended to improve availability of quality drugs, vaccines, diagnostic and laboratory support which will give an impetus to public health measures as a whole. The upgradation of epidemio-logical, microbiological and entomological capacity is also envisage.

Suitable use of Neswpapers/Periodicals from Bihar for issue of Government Advertisements

1915. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the newspapers and periodicals from Bihar empaneled with DAVP are being suitably used for issue of Governemnt advetisments;

(b) is so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) steps Government propose to ensure that publications from Bihar are suitably used for Government advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) All the newspapers and periodicals from Bihar empanelled with DAVP are being used suitably for issue of Government advertisements, keeping in view publicity requriments and budgetary provisions. During the current financial year (from 1.4.96 to 31.10.96), advertisements measuring 161325 col. cms. amounting to Rs. 69,35,676/- were issued to those newspapers and periodicals.

(c) Does not arise.

Monitoring of Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme

1916. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme during the next five years with loan and assistatance from U.S. and European countries;

(b) if so, the details of State-wise allocations of packages of assistance divided into RCH components;

(c) whether any avaluation has been made of the last programme, if so, the details of the same; and

(d) whether areas where this programme could not be implemented last time, will get special attention and will be covered in next PPI Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) PPI progamme will be conducted till the eradication of Poliomyelitis.

(b) The packages of assistance under RCH components have not been finalised so far.

(c) An independent evaluation of the PPI programme conducted during 1995-96 by UNICEF shows an overall coverage of 85.5% for both rounds.

(d) The PPI programme was conducted in all States and U.Ts.

Procedure for Selection of Proprietary items in Centaur Hotel

1917. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure for selection of proprietary items in Centaur Hotel, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many applications were recieved from manufacturers/distributors for inclusion of proprietary items as on date;

(d) what is the number of items approved in favour of one company or companies under same management;

(e) reasons for rejection of applications of other manufacturers whose product were not included;

(f) whether it is a fact that some handful of favourite manufacturers were only favoured for inclusion of products and others who also fulfilled the criteria were ignored: and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Proprietary items are purchased either from manufacturers of sole distributors. Besides, selective tendering is resorted to for items costing less than Rs. 2 lakhs and public tender for items costing more than Rs. 2 lakhs.

(d) The number varies from year to year depending upon the successful bidder.

(e) Only such applications are rejected which do not fulfil the pre-tendering qualifications laid down in the Tender Notice.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Abolition of Fee Levied on Government Pensioners for Medical Treatement by CGHS

1918. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will contemplate of abolishing the fees levied on the Government pensioners for their medical treatment by the CGHS Directorate as a step towards helping the senior citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government will take the necessary action in this regard for exposing the cause of social welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The rate of contribution being charged from the Central Government pensioners is nominal. It far from covers the cost of modern medical facilities/techniques being made available to them for their medical care under CGHS. The cost of such care is increasing over the years. Therefore, there is no such proposal for the present.

Projects of DD and AIR Stations taken up and Completed in Bihar during 8th Plan

1919. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects pertaining to Doordarshan and AIR stations taken up and completed in Bihar during the current Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on the completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) All India Radio had taken up 8 projects, of which 5 have been commissioned. Doordarshan has commissioned 9 LPTs for DD I. 1 LPT for DD II and 3 Studios. 12 LPTs. 2 VLPTs and 1 Studio in respect of Doordarshan are under implementation in the state of Bihar.

(b) An amount of approximately Rs. 26.30 crores and Rs. 46 crores is expected to be incurred on the schemes of All India Radio and Doordarshan, respectively.

Sucess of Family Welfare Programmes in Containing the Growth rate of Population

1920. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Family Welfare Programme has been successful in containing the growth rate of population;

(b) what has been the results in so far as States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa are concerned; and